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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: INDIA MICA EXPORTS TO U.S.

REF: NEW DELHI 10825

1. WE HAVE PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL TO MICA ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT JAMES MARSHALL.
2. MARSHALL SAID THAT ASSOCIATION WOULD BE MEETING SHORTLY TO FORMULATE POSITION TOWARD INDIAN EFFORTS TO FORCE US ACCEPTANCE OF 70/30 FORMULA. MARSHALL REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY ADVISE GOI THAT NO PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED IN SENDING INDIAN MICA TEAM TO US UNTIL ASSOCIATION HAS CHANCE TO DECIDE HOW IT WILL RESPOND.
3. MARSHALL COMMENTED THAT INDIAN ACTION TO HOLD UP EXPORT SHIPMENTS WAS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO ASSURANCES GIVEN US

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BUYERS WHEN LAST INDIAN MICA MISSION VISITED US DURING

MAY 1973. AT THAT TIME, INDIANS ASSURED IMPORTERS THAT
70/30 PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE INVOKED AGAINST US.

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4. MARSHALL NOTED FURTHER THAT MMTC PERFORMANCE IN FUL-
FILLING FUMIGATION RESPONSIBILITIES HAD BEEN EXTREMELY
POOR. IN SOME INSTANCES, US IMPORTERS REQUIRED BY US
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REFUMIGATE MICA, SUPPOSEDLY
ALREADY FUMIGATED BY MMTC IN INDIA. EFFORTS TO GET MMTC
TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POOR PERFORMANCE AND REIMBURSE
US IMPORTERS HAD SO FAR PROVED UNAVAILING.

5. COMMENT: INDIAN ACTION HAS CLEARLY ANNOYED U.S.
IMPORTERS, WHO ARE ALREADY TROUBLED OVER CHRONIC DIFFI-
CULTIES WITH PRIVATE INDIAN MICA EXPORTERS. IT SEEMS
HIGHLY UNLIKELY THEY WILL ACCEPT INDIAN 70/30 PROPOSAL.
WHILE THEY PREFER TO CONTINUE IMPORTS FROM INDIA, BECAUSE
OF QUALITY OF INDIAN MICA, THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE VIABLE
ALTERNATIVE IN MEETING REQUIREMENTS THROUGH PURCHASES
FROM US STOCKPILE.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTED PASS SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 2 AND 3
ABOVE TO DAS AND KUMAR. RUSH

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